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SIGNIFICANT
QUESTIONS.

President Wilson, in addressing the
largest audience of his present trip
in which he is advocating preparedness
in Des Moines, Iowa, last night asked
this question: "Do you want the situa-
tion to be such that all the President
can do is to write messages and ut-
ter words of protest?"

"Why, to ask that question is to
answer it," he said.

"Whenever international law is vio-
lated by one or the other belligerents,"
the President said, "America was cal-
led upon to register a voice of pro-
test, of insistence."

"Do you want the situation to be
such that all the President can do is
to write messages and utter words of
protest? If these breaches of inter-
national law, which are in daily dan-
ger of occurring, should touch the
very honor of the United States, do
you wish to do nothing about it? Do
you wish to have all the world say
that the flag of the United States can
be stained with impunity? Why, to
ask this question is to answer it."

"I know there is no man or woman
within the hearing of my voice who
would wish peace at the expense of
the honor of the United States."

President Wilson realizes more
than any one else that we are living
in perilous times, and that the United
States is liable at any time to be sub-
ject to a rude awakening. War is
often the outcome of a trifling occur-
rence.

Most of the great wars of the Old
World have been started by mere ir-
rises. That between Germany and
France was brought about by a
snappish remark of old Emperor Wil-
liam to the French Ambassador, Count
Denedetti, at Ems, at a moment when
it was believed that a satisfactory
settlement of all differences between
the two nations had been reached.

Popular tradition attributes the
Turko-Russian War to the blow of a
Balkan blacksmith's hammer upon the
head of an Ottoman tax collector.

The famous War of Succession in
the eighteenth century, which retarded
the development of civilization, not
only of Spain, but also of all Europe,
for about a hundred years, resulted
from a quarrel at the Court of Ver-
sailles about a glass of water.

The most terrible and sanguinary
war in the annals of China is known
by the name of "the Teapot War,"
and was caused by the spilling of a
valuable teapot belonging to a mem-
ber of the reigning family while
travelling in the northwestern provin-
ces. More than a million lives were
sacrificed in this conflict.

Two of the minor states of Germany
are on historic record as having gone
to war in the thirteenth century to
settle the momentous question of

the citizens of what monarchy could
drink the most beer; while a bloody
fight between Rome and Naples in
the sixteenth century arose from a
quarrel about a dog.

Possibly the Moors might still be
established in Spain, had it not been
for the theft of a Castilian lady's Sun-
day-go-meeting petticoat by a Moor-
ish dandy, who imagined that it would
look well on his own person, and who
was stabbed for his act, his death
giving rise to the war between the
Cross and the Crescent in the Iberian
peninsula which resulted in the ex-
pulsion from Europe of the Moorish
creators of the Alhambra.

The most terrible civil war in Af-
ghanistan, which affected the whole
of Central Asia, was caused by a
petty quarrel about a pipe.

CAPTURE OF
THE APPAM.

The appearance at Old Point Com-
fort yesterday of the former British
passenger steamer Appam, flying the
German flag and in charge of a crew
of Teutons has caused more stir in
the United States and throughout the
world than any incident of the present
war. The arrival of German auxil-
iary cruisers at Norfolk a year ago
and the diplomatic wrangles until the
vessels were interned is still fresh in
the minds of newspaper readers, but
the arrival of the Appam has precipi-
tated other issues not so easily
handled. What is the duty of the
United States in the matter? This
is the question which has caused the
immediate donning of studying caps.

Captured probably off the Straits
of Gibraltar, the ship was brought
across the ocean to be presented to
the United States as an exhibit of
German faith of the German govern-
ment in adhering to the agree-
ment not to sink any other liners in
the cold-blooded manner in which the
Lusitania was sent to the bottom.

A temporary suggestion that
John Paul Jones would have been
proud of such a performance and
Raphael Semmes would have consid-
ered it an achievement worth any
man's while. And the spirit and dash
of this fine piece of sea enterprise are
enhanced by the fact that they are
manifested just at a time when Brit-
ish and French naval experts are
boasting of the Allies' complete su-
periority on the sea, and of Teutonic
realization that they have been shut
out from that element.

This exploit furnishes additional
evidence of the fact, that the German
can give as good an account of him-
self on the water as on the land. Great
Britain rules the sea undoubtedly at
this moment, and the capture of the
Appam is not likely to have any im-
portant effect on the situation. But
this and previous exhibitions of skill,
courage and resourcefulness open the
door to speculation as to Great Brit-
ain's maritime supremacy, should she
meet a foe equal to her in naval ar-
mament. The English have become ac-
customed to thinking themselves natu-
rally superior on the sea to all other
peoples, though this complacency has
received severe jolts from time to
time, notably from this side of the
water there seems to be no na-
ture of the things why kingship
of the ocean should remain undisputed
by one national family. And Great
Britain has been wise enough not to
trust to any innate superiority, but
has reinforced her sea genius with
crushing superiority in power.

The appearance of this new raider
will send a chill down the British com-
mercial spine. Doubtless she will soon
be run down. But if German energy
could put her out on the sea, how
many others may not slip through the
British net? Evidently the sea is still
open to bold intruders.

ANTI-SEMITISM
IN AMERICA.

The appointment by President Wil-
son of Mr. Brandeis on the bench of
the Supreme Court of the United
States is not relished by a very small
percentage of the people of the Unit-
ed States, and when this corporal's
guard sends protests against his se-
lection to the Senate committee on
the judiciary they place themselves in
a position similar to that of the tail-
ors of Tooley street, London, when
they started an objection with the
words, "Whereas, we, the people of
England."

A telegram signed "Southern Gen-
tle Democrats," was received on Sat-
urday at the office of the committee
as follows:
"We protest to the end and resent
vigorously the appointment of the Jew
to the United States Supreme Court
bench. We American Gentiles feel bit-
ter and will no longer support the
President. Where he gained one Jew
he will lose 10,000 Gentiles. It is a
disgrace and a shame."

The Washington correspondent of
the New York Sun reports that the
reception of this message was the
signal for indignant remonstrance on

the part of members of the committee
who had been most open in objection
to the confirmation of Mr. Brandeis.
They rightly foresaw that the raising
of such an issue would have the effect
of throwing into the background any
legitimate reasons which might ex-
ist for rejecting the appointment and
would tend to create in favor of Mr.
Brandeis a public sentiment too pro-
nounced to be ignored.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot in com-
menting on the above says:

Such a protest is far more calculat-
ed to promote than to injure Mr. Bran-
deis' chance for confirmation. The
protest is based on a prejudice as lack-
ing in sense as in generous senti-
ment. That it should have emanated
from the South is matter for surprise
as well as regret. The only member of
the Confederate Cabinet whose fame
rests upon a record of brilliant achieve-
ments was Judah P. Benjamin of
Louisiana, who had previously ranked
in the United States Senate as pri-
mus inter pares at a time when that
body was as assembly of intellectual
giants. He was but one of many of his
race who illustrated in their lives a
patriotism and genius for public af-
fairs which reflected honor on the
South. The Southern Gentiles who sent
the above dispatch do not speak for
the people of this section whose op-
inions are entitled to any regard.
There are points to be validly urged
against the choice of President Wil-
son to the vacancy on the Supreme
Bench, but that he is of the blood of
Moses, the law-giver, is not one of
them.

At the close of the civil war Mr.
Benjamin, it will be remembered, went
to London, when he became Queen's
Counselor, and, contemporaneously with
Benjamin Disraeli, also a Hebrew, be-
came one of the most prominent men
of his day.

HOBSON AND THE
"YELLOW PERIL."

Richmond Pearson Hobson and oth-
ers insist that Japan is laying for
us; that before we know it she will
take the Hawaiian Islands, the Philip-
pines, and the Pacific coast cities of
the United States, thereafter proceed-
ing at her leisure to gobble up the
rest of this country.

K. Obara, an intelligent Japanese
merchant, now travelling in this coun-
try, who should know the temper of
his people, says:

"It would be amusing if it were
not malicious and annoying that re-
ports continue to spread that Japan
would welcome war with America.
Japan does not covet any American
possession; she does not want the
Philippines. It may be true that rela-
tions with the United States are not
what they should be, but jealousy is
not the cause. Hostile legislation
against the Japanese is the real rea-
son for the feeling against America
and Americans. What we need is a
bureau of better understanding be-
tween the two nations. I regret there
is a much too general impression in
this country that Japan and the Jap-
anese hate Americans. I know this to
be untrue."

KILLING THE GOOSE THAT LAYS
THE GOLDEN EGG.

(Norfolk Virginia-Pilot)

Taxation on business enterprises
may easily be carried to the extreme
of killing the goose which lays the
golden egg; that is of driving out of
the state capital which can be em-
ployed elsewhere without being sub-
jected to tolls so heavy. The two
great needs of Virginia are capital
and population. Neither will be at-
tracted by excessive taxation and leg-
islators should be very careful lest
they be led by the insatiable cry for
more revenues of bureaus and institu-
tions which are supported at the pub-
lic expense to dry up present sources
of income at the same time repelling
the inflow of new taxable subjects.
Fairly distributed the burden of tax-
ation now resting on the people of
Virginia would not be onerous, but
certain of our public officials and leg-
islators need to be reminded that the
community as a whole can never reap
permanent benefit from imposition
upon any class or classes more than
its fair share of that burden. Even
if principle be disregarded sound pol-
icy dictates that the load shall be
fairly and equably adjusted to the
shoulders that are to bear it.

NEWS OF THE DAY

A German airship is reported to
have bombarded the Allies' ships and
stores at Saloniki with great success.

Russia Premier Goremykin has re-
signed. Ill health is given as the rea-
son. M. Sturmer, a member of the
council of the empire, has been nam-
ed as his successor.

Bombs were exploded in the streets
of Lisbon during rioting there yester-
day. Several persons were wounded.
The dispatch adds that several train
went on a strike during the afternoon.

Half a dozen or more Zeppelins
were engaged in last night's raid
over London, which with one ex-

ception, was the worst of the war.
Fifty-four persons were killed and
67 injured.

George A. McLarty, secretary of
the Galveston Maritime Exchange,
was killed and Robert C. Shaw, a
former inspector, probably fatally
wounded in an unwitnessed affray in
an office in the Cotton Exchange build-
ing in Galveston, yesterday.

At least ten persons were killed
and twenty injured yesterday in a
railroad accident at the St. Denis
railway station near Paris. As the
express from Calais was passing St.
Denis at a high speed the three end
cars jumped the track and wrecked
themselves upon each other.

The presence of arsenic in the stom-
ach of Almand Vadeboncoeur, of
Woonsocket, R. I., who died, it is as-
serted, after eating a cream puff sent
him by mail was reported yesterday
by Dr. Henry B. Bernstein, State path-
ologist. Mrs. Hattie Oakley, who is
alleged to have mailed the package,
is awaiting a hearing on the charge
of murder.

According to the Roumanian col-
ony in Rome, Roumania in March will
take the field on the side of the allies.
The attitude of Roumania is declared
by Vienna and Budapest to be giv-
ing great concern to Austria-Hungary.
The Roumanian army is being rapidly
equipped with everything necessary
for a campaign. Consignments of horses
have already arrived at Galatz. M.
Reni, influential Roumanian, declares
that sentiment in favor of the allies
has been greatly increased lately.

The American tank steamer Sil-
ver Shell and a Japanese steamer be-
lieved to be either the Takata Maru
or the Tokushima Maru, the former
a new vessel, were in collision near
Cape Race, Newfoundland, just before
midnight last night.

The Japanese steamer was reported sinking, the
latest word being that the wireless
dynamo room was flooded. The Silver
Shell, which was damaged, but not
dangerously, was standing by, ready
to lend assistance.

The German admiralty has issued
the following report. "A German air-
ship squadron during the night of
January 31 to February 1 dropped a
large number of incendiary bombs on
and near the Liverpool and Birken-
head docks, harbors, and factories;
also on the Manchester Iron Works
and blast furnaces, on Nottingham
and Sheffield factories and blast fur-
naces, and finally, on a large number
of industrial establishments on the
Humber and near Great Yarmouth."

Col. E. M. House, Col. Wilson's
special emissary, when seen at the
American embassy in Paris yester-
day afternoon, would not explain why
he had quit Germany after four days
instead of remaining ten, as he had
intended. Neither would he explain
why he had not gone to Vienna ac-
cording to the original plan. Appar-
ently the colonel got a job of some
sort in Germany which speeded him
up; he could not regain allied terri-
tory fast enough. The opinion in Paris
is that he found out something
which was of the utmost importance
to the United States, but which he
did not dare to attempt to commu-
nicate to Mr. Wilson by the German
wireless.

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dria, Virginia, Wednesday, February
9th, 1916, at 3:00 o'clock.
22-2w. P. H. Smyth, Secretary.

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